

Weekly Construction Update

Mar 9 - 13, 2015



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What's New this Week

- Three master carvers are now on site fulltime.
- South façade: Testing restoration techniques on ornamental swags of fruit to see if restoration work can be implemented directly on the existing marble, or if it needs to be removed.



Construction Activity and Noise

West Wing Repair Schedule

- The final marble blending is complete on the west façade of the West Wing.
- Final punch list repairs will be completed within in the next few weeks, followed by removal of the scaffolding from that façade.

South Façade Demolition Schedule

- Demolition work on the southwest façade will be completed within the next 30 days.

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Looking Ahead - Interior

- Installation of scaffolding in Supreme Court Chamber to patch plaster, clean stone and do decorative painting.
- Fireproofing lower level shafts.
- Mechanical floor and wall shafts will be cut on all floors.
- Steel and new HVAC ducts will be installed in the new shafts.
- Masonry repairs will continue in the basement.

Looking Ahead - Exterior

- Quadriga level: Marble and masonry repairs are nearing completion.
- South façade: All windows have been removed on south façade except areas occupied by tenants. These will be removed after session.
- West Wing: Demolition will continue on the south façade.

Featured Notice

A system-wide power outage is planned for the entire day on Saturday, April 4. There will be no access to the Capitol.

Air Quality at the Capitol

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Your Safety is the Highest Priority

While under construction, the Capitol is an active workplace that is open to the public. Your safety and health are our number-one priority. We have incorporated the highest level of safety measures into every procedure.

To learn more about Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project safety standards see [Public Safety During Construction](#) (PDF).



The next air quality testing will held this week. Here is what the monitors look like.

Additional Air Quality Monitoring Underway

Environmental monitoring, including air sampling, has been ongoing during construction in the Capitol building. Sound, moisture, temperature and vibration are also monitored.

- Additional measures to supplement existing air testing started in January.
- Air is tested for asbestos fibers, lead and dust, silica, hydrocarbons, and gasses from products such as paint strippers, building materials, solvents, and varnishes.
- The most recent supplemental testing was on March 6.
- Five areas were tested:
 - Basement Rathskeller area.
 - Public corridors around the Rotunda on the Ground, Second, and Third Floors.
 - North Wing of the First Floor.

To view the January test results:

See the [Minnesota State Capitol Building Additional Indoor Air Quality Testing Report](#) (issued Feb. 17, 2015).

Questions or Comments?

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To browse planning and communications documents about this project visit the [Minnesota State Capitol Preservation Commission website](#).

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The future Cass Gilbert Room on the Third Floor, East Wing.

Drawings for the Capitol Restoration Project number in the thousands and weigh several hundred pounds. This kiosk allows workers to access drawings online, instead of carrying them around. There are five of these kiosks located throughout construction areas.



Learn the latest about parking, accessibility, news, and FAQs. Visit the [Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project website](http://www.mn.gov/capitol-restoration).